

Shields Replies On Dry Law

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Tells Mrs. Garrison Repeal
Would "Rekindle Evan-
gelical Fires"

Disagreeing with the view of Mrs. Philip McKim Garrison of Llewellyn Park that prohibition is a failure, Rev. James K. Shields, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, has written to her, stating he regards prohibition as a success.

His letter is in reply to a statement published October 2, in which Mrs. Garrison, actively identified with the New Jersey Branch of the Women's Organization for Prohibition Reform, declared she intended to do her utmost to bring about "a sane modification which will cure its defects."

Mr. Shields states he had hoped some one else would reply to Mrs. Garrison's statement "who would not be so readily classified by you and those associated with you in the prohibition reform organization as a fanatic."

As to "Fanatics."

"But I note," he adds, "that in one of your closing statements you have left no opening for any one who believes in the enforcement of the prohibition laws to escape that classification. To quote your own words, you object 'to a fanatical insistence that the will of some be enforced upon all.' Therefore, I presume that any one who believes in the enforcement of the prohibition laws must, in your judgment, be a fanatic, but is not the foundation of the Constitution and of all law 'the will of some being enforced upon others,' the word 'some' meaning a majority?"

"It will probably be useless to remind you that the Eighteenth Amendment was ratified by a larger proportion of states and a greater percentage of legislators in those states than was the original Constitution itself or any part thereof."

"There are degrees of success, just as we speak of one man being successful, another very successful, and still another as unusually successful. While I would prefer to have prohibition remain as it is today than to go backward, I will agree with you that I do not want, nor expect to see, its enforcement remain unimproved."

The time will come, Mr. Shields predicts, when the Governor and state and local officials will help the Federal government by doing their part in a way they are not doing now.

"Political Turmoil" After Repeal.

"You seem to share the belief of many that if the opponents of prohibition could only make some kind of a half-way victory, everybody would be happy and satisfied, and the disturbing issue would disappear from the political arena. You are too well-informed and experienced to really believe that."

Mr. Shields adds that the wets do not believe any more in half-way measures than do the dries. The anti-prohibitionists are doing more to keep the issue in politics than any others, he charges.

"Suppose you should be successful in your wildest dreams and succeed in getting a resolution through Congress for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. I can think of nothing that would bring back the old-fashioned prayer meeting with fervor, rekindle the fires upon the altars of evangelical Christianity and set the whole nation aflame with political turmoil as that would do."

Mr. Shields states that Mrs. Garrison laments the fact that the prohibition issue in national, state and local elections has submerged such vital considerations as character and fitness.

"Here," he adds, "you have undoubtedly struck a responsive chord in the hearts of many New Jersey Republicans, since in the course of the temperance fight in New Jersey, a coalition of wet Republicans with wet Democrats has sent three Democrats to the Governor's chair in succession * * * and that at a time when you were, I believe, a member of the Democratic State Committee."

Ban Expected on Liquor Clearances

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Canadian Officials Think Pre-
mier Will Agree to U. S.
Cooperation Plea

OTTAWA (AP)—Refusal of clearance permits for liquor shipments for the United States is foreseen by government officials here who profess to know the attitude of Premier Mackenzie King and his Cabinet.

Despite the fact that there was no announcement regarding the subject at the close of a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday, these officials said they believed the Ministry had definitely decided in favor of refusing the permits.

"There has been a difference of opinion in the Cabinet," one official said, "but no definite split on the subject." He added that the Premier was among those who favor the ban on liquor clearances.

He said some Ministers thought refusal of clearances would not stop the flow of liquor across the border, but were willing to try the plan as public opinion favored it.

Action would come in the form of an empowering act by Parliament, leaving the government free to make it effective when it saw fit.

The subject of refusing clearances to liquor cargoes was discussed at a joint conference of United States and Canadian officials a year ago, at which time the Canadians rejected the proposal, but agreed to consider it further.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS LARGER FUND

Trenton Times 10/10/29
Thirty-two Assistants Needed
To Aid in Relieving U. S.
Court Congestion

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Increased appropriations of several hundred thousand dollars have been recommended to the budget bureau by the Attorney General's office to relieve congestion in the Federal courts.

Attorney General Mitchell announced today he had requested appropriations to provide thirty assistant District Attorneys and also additional clerks and marshals. The entire appropriation, he added, probably would be less than one million dollars. Mitchell said approximately 29 per cent. of the cases in Federal courts had not been touched in recent years and that additional help was necessary.

Prohibition, he said, has had a good deal to do with the congestion of the dockets.

He did not announce the district for which aid was sought.

Alcohol Seized in Raids at Trenton

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An alleged alcohol distributing plant at 634 Whittaker avenue, Trenton, was raided by federal prohibition agents yesterday and 1,440 gallons of alcohol were seized. Antonio Magdro of that address was arrested.

The agents also confiscated 900 gallons of alcohol on a nine-ton truck in Hamilton Township.

Two 250-gallon stills were found in a garage at 623 Roebling avenue, Trenton, and 160 gallons of alcohol confiscated. Alfred Bernucchi of 19 Commonwealth avenue, Trenton, was arrested.

Prohibition agents today raided the saloon at 106 Lentz avenue, Newark, and arrested Joseph Dubnowski of that address. He was held in \$1,000 bail when arraigned before United States Commissioner A. L. Friedmann on a charge of sale and possessing.